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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF WINCHESTER, N. H.,

EMBRACING

REPORT OF AUDITORS,

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERY,

DIRECTORS OF TOWN LIBRARY,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

*FOR THE YEAR ENDING*

**MARCH 1, 1877.**

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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*To the Inhabitants of the town of Winchester :*

In making the Financial Report to the town, for the year ending March 1, 1877, we have thought that justice to the town, whose servants we are, as well as to ourselves, demands a few words in explanation of the following figures of receipts and disbursements.

At our last annual meeting, by an an oversight, the usual appropriation for Ordinary Town Charges, which of late years has been \$1,000, was not made. Upon discovering the error, after the meeting was adjourned, we at first thought we should be under the necessity of calling a special meeting to remedy the error, but after mature reflection, came to the conclusion that by taking the largest sum allowed by the vote of the town when the debt was funded, for the annual payment on the town debt, we might, with ordinarily good luck, get through the year without increasing the debt, and avoid the expense and trouble of an extra meeting. Our hopes in this regard have been more than realized, and the balance against the town shows a gratifying shrinkage.

We would take the liberty of recommending the usual appropriation of one thousand dollars for ordinary town charges for the ensuing year.

### HIGHWAYS.

We think it is the universal experience of those who have been entrusted with the management of the town's financial affairs that this department is the most difficult to manage satisfactorily of any department of the town's business affairs. For a town of the population and wealth of Winchester we

have an unusual extent of roads to keep in repair, and some of a very difficult nature to make even comfortably passable. It must be evident to the poorest capacity that an appropriation of \$2000 (which has been made for the last two years) must be spread *very thin* to cover the extent of more than one hundred and fifty miles of road, which the town is called upon to keep in repair. Under a thoroughly competent and honest management this sum might possibly suffice under favorable circumstances for keeping the roads in tolerable condition for travel; but after quite a number of years' experience, the undersigned are of the opinion that it is simply preposterous to expect to secure competent agents in all cases to oversee the repairs of the roads. With the best of intentions there is often a lack of judgment, and knowledge, which prevents the attainment of results which should be accomplished by the outlay. With regret we must state our honest convictions that with the utmost care and efforts of selectmen in making appointments of agents there will always be a greater or less sum of the highway appropriation injudiciously expended. We say this with no desire to find fault with the present system adopted by the town for repairing the roads. Notwithstanding the abuses to which we have alluded, we believe the present system is far preferable to the old system of raising the highway tax in labor instead of money, inasmuch as all the evils of the present system pertained to the old, and also others of a more serious nature, which it is unnecessary to mention here. It will be seen by reference to our disbursements that we have exceeded the appropriation for highways, but the amount expended this year does not equal the average amount expended for the last six years. Included in the disbursements is the expense of building about fifty rods of new road at the North part of the village, which was laid out about two years ago, and also the expense of new planking the Middle bridge and the bridge at Ashuelot. The present Winter has rendered the cost of keeping the roads open for travel unusually expensive, and indeed, in too many instances, perhaps, they have not been passable at all some of the time. In connection with making the highway appropriation for the current year, we would call your attention to the pressing necessity of providing for shingling the bridge at Lower Ashuelot, which



has already been too long neglected ; also to the call which will undoubtedly be made in the Spring for the laying out and building of a new road at the North end of the village, for the accommodation of the travel and growth of that part of the town, which has rapidly developed within two years. We would recommend an appropriation for highways the current year of not less than \$2,500.

### SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Owing to the stagnation of business, the past year has been a hard one for those who depend upon their daily labor for their daily bread ; but we can congratulate you upon the fact that, compared with other towns, our business men have stood the depression of the last few years remarkably well, and that there is a better chance for employment here than in most towns of the same population. Hoping and believing that we have reached the lowest point for the present, and that there will the present year be a let-up to the hard times, we would recommend the same appropriation (which was but slightly exceeded ) for the support of the Poor as last year, \$800.

### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Being by the provisions of law under the direct management and control of the Firewards and their Chief, we do not regard it as our business to make any suggestions under this head ; except so far as we were directly connected with it by a vote of the town at the last annual meeting. At that time a vote was passed instructing the Selectmen to purchase a hose carriage for the fire company at the Centre Village, and \$100 was raised for that purpose. Upon consultation with the officers of fire department and fire company, it was found that that sum would not purchase a carriage that would meet the views and expectations of the company ; and feeling that we had no legal right to exceed a specific appropriation by the town for a specific object ; we have delayed action, and present the subject for your further consideration.

### SCHOOLS.

We deem it unnecessary to say anything under this head, as your efficient School Committee well make all necessary suggestions.

## TRAMP-HOUSE AND LOCK-UP.

We have the past year assumed the power to provide a place for lodging tramps, and in connection therewith, a place to secure offenders against the peace and laws of the State. We admit that our action in the matter was without warrant, but trusted that we should be justified by the circumstances.

The commencement of the building of the Manchester and Keene Railroad was the immediate cause of a great increase in the number of tramps that made application for help. It had formerly been the custom of the town authorities to send this class of transients to the hotels at an expense of a dollar apiece, for lodging and food. Not only could there be no reduction had from that price, but the hotel keepers earnestly protested against keeping them at any price.

After the bad faith shown to their laborers by the management of the Manchester & Keene Railroad, the tramp ceased to be an isolated and solitary individual, but they came in droves; and inasmuch as it was considered inexpedient to suffer this class of men, smarting under a sense of wrong, to be invading the premises of private families, we thought it best to provide a place as expeditiously as possible, and without waiting to call a meeting to get authority. It costs the town but 25 cents apiece for lodging and food under the present management, besides affording a greater feeling of security to the community. We thought we should be justified in adding the cells for the lock-up to the building, on the strength of a vote passed a few years ago, authorizing the Selectmen to provide a lock-up for the town.

For information in regard to cost of building and furnishing the tramp-house, see figures under that head. It will take but a short time, under present circumstances, to save enough in cost of keeping tramps, to pay for the building.

## DISTRICT NO. 16 CEMETERY.

An appropriation of two hundred dollars was made at the last annual meeting for the purpose of enlarging and fencing the cemetery above named, and the Selectmen were instructed to carry out the provisions of the vote. Upon investigation it was found there were some almost insurmountable obstacles



to carrying out the intentions of the inhabitants directly interested, on account of the natural formation of the land on one side, the locality of a dwelling house on another side, the highway in front, and highway and school-house on the fourth side. It was found impossible to legally secure land for enlarging the grounds; and as it is already nearly all occupied, it seemed necessary that it should be enlarged before fencing. After two or three consultations with those most interested in the matter, we concluded to defer action until they could agree upon some feasible plan, if possible; so the appropriation remains unexpended.

In conclusion, we would say that we have unavoidably left one or two rather undesirable legacies to our successors in office. Of this character is the case now pending before the County Commissioners, on an appeal from an award of damages by the Selectmen in 1874 to H. Couillard, in a case of disputed boundaries between said Couillard and the town. The present board of Selectmen have expended some time and money in this case, which they do not regret, as it has brought to light before unknown evidence which they believe makes a clear case of one which was before involved in doubt and uncertainty. Another is the case of M. V. Colton against the town on a claim for damages received on the highway, but which by his action has gone too far for being discussed with propriety in this public manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

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Total real estate, resident and non-resident,	\$740,410 00
592 polls,	59,200 00
352 horses,	23,348 00
990 oxen, cows and neat stock,	36,218 00
716 sheep and hogs,	2,412 00
Stock in banks,	45,800 00
Carriages,	2,830 00
Stock in trade,	58,960 00
Money on hand and at interest,	57,000 00
Factories and their machinery,	62,400 00
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	\$1,088,578 00

State tax for 1876,	\$2,304 00
County tax for 1877,	1,378 85
Voted to raise for town charges,	0,000 00
"        "    Schools,	3,800 00
"        "    Highways,	2,000 00
"        "    Village cemetery,	500 00
"        "    No. 16 cemetery,	200 00
"        "    Fire Department,	300 00
"        "    Support of Poor,	800 00
"        "    Town Library,	300 00
"        "    Hose carriage,	100 00
"        "    5 per cent. of the bonded debt and interest,	2,470 32
Dog tax,	167 00
Overlay,	366 96
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	\$14,687 13

Committed to the hands of Isaac Saben for collection, \$14,687.13.

### RECEIPTS.

Received from Isaac Saben, collector,	\$10,752 68
"        "        "        interest,	11 51
"        "    Mowry Saben, collector,	3,934 45
"        "        "        interest,	63 12



Cash in treasury March 1, 1876,	\$2,790 83
Taxes, 1875,	12 21
County paupers,	3 79
"    April term,	689 82
Interest on tax Ashuelot Woolen Mills, 1874,	108 76
"    "    "    "    "    1875,	25 44
County paupers, Oct. term,	739 70
"    Nov.    "	5 00
Railroad tax,	124 60
Savings Bank tax,	1,149 37
Literary fund,	274 05
J. O. Smith, pauper,	1 66
George Taylor, lot in cemetery,	25 00
Town hall,	126 50
F. Weeks, for plank,	4 85
A. Jewell, for brick,	1 00
F. Peters,    "	87
Ames C. Eaton, for shawl,	3 00
County paupers,	49 48
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	\$20,897 69

### DISBURSEMENTS.

#### ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid R. P. Wilson, for public watering place,	\$3 00
G. L. Morse, putting up guide boards,	50
R. H. Combs, wood for town office,	4 00
S. M. Morse, cash paid W. B. Clark for guide boards,	13 23
Ziba Ware, furnishing public watering place,	3 00
L. F. Buffum,    "    "    "	3 00
John Adams, blacksmithing,	2 62
Henry Dudley, furnishing public watering place,	3 00
E. W. Bent, repairing scraper,	1 13
Zina G. Taft, fixing pump,	50
H. Pierce & Co., registering births and deaths,	9 25
"    "    taking affidavits for tramps,	1 30
S. M. Morse, cash paid for Town Officer and other papers, at Concord,	5 00
L. M. Kent, wood for tramp house,	3 56

Paid W. H. Gurnsey, postage stamps,	\$ 99
"      "      stationery,	2 41
S. M. Morse, cash paid for collector's book and steel pens,	1 55
Daniel T. Saben, post and urn for guide post,	7 50
H. B. Robbins, blacksmithing done for town,	11 85
Hiram Doolittle, furnishing public watering place,	2 00
A. W. Swan, repairing scraper,	1 25
John A. Powers, ringing town bell,	35 00
"      "      stationery,	1 33
S. M. Morse, expense to Keene to get deeds copied,	2 70
A. A. Putnam, expense to Keene twice on Couil- lard case,	2 50
Zina Taft, housing scraper,	1 00
C. W. Scott, taking affidavits of tramps,	2 70
G. W. Pierce, taking affidavits,	2 60
H. Peirce & Co., recording births and deaths,	1 75
E. M. Forbes, services before County Com.,	10 00
D. C. Stearns, lumber for guide boards,	1 20
Wheeler & Faulkner, services,	22 00
J. H. Manning, furnishing public watering place,	1 00
S. M. Morse, cash paid for surveying, and ex- penses to Keene, &c.,	6 50
Isaac Saben, cash paid for postage stamps and envelopes,	1 25
Isaac Saben, expenses to Keene, collector's book, &c.,	6 60
Amos A. Putman, expenses to Keene,	1 15
A. H. Taft, recording births and deaths,	8 25
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports, '75,	57 00
S. M. Morse, expenses to Keene, and cash paid for tax book,	3 20
Isaac Saben, cash paid for postage stamps,	99
W. H. Guernsey, postal cards,	50
Isaac Saben, cash for expense to Keene,	2 85
"      "      cash paid E. M. Forbes for advice,	1 00
S. M. Morse, cash paid for check list paper,	3 60
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	\$257 31



## SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Alvin Kempton, for shoveling snow,	\$ 50
J. H. Manning, snowing bridge and shoveling snow,	6 00
A. H. Holman, for snowing bridge,	1 75
A. A. Putnam, shoveling snow,	3 85
Charles Briggs, work on the road,	75
E. A. Kingman, for work on Maynard Hill,	37 50
Paul S. Willis, for work as road agent,	60 00
John L. Winch, " "	40 80
Paul S. Willis, " "	47 78
Eugene L. Alexander, " "	50 00
S. M. Morse, " "	35 00
J. H. Manning, " "	55 62
George H. Prime, " "	31 50
George W. Combs, " "	12 00
Pardon D. Smith, " "	64 62
Charles Jackson, " "	88 02
James P. Putnam, " "	33 50
James Fosgate, " "	124 20
James H. Bolton, for bridge plank,	48 80
Elijah W. Baker, for work as road agent,	87 50
Amos A. Putnam, " "	47 05
Eugene L. Alexander, " "	49 25
C. D. Seaver, work on the highway,	3 30
N. F. Healey, work as road agent,	70 29
R. P. Wilson, work on the highway,	7 50
George W. Combs, work as road agent,	14 50
S. E. Wilder, work on the highway,	3 50
Henry Lyman, plank for bridges,	40 00
J. H. Manning, planking bridge, and work,	7 70
L. W. Seaver, work on road,	2 25
David Sawyer, breaking roads and damage crossing land,	1 00
Samuel Cutting, work on road,	2 25
Benjamin Kidder, cutting brush on highway,	4 00
N. P. Burbank, building new road near the house of H. Gould,	25 00
Levi Saben, work as road agent,	8 82
George Canfield, work on road,	1 25
Lyman Putnam, " "	1 25

Paid N. P. Burbank, building new road near H. Gould's,	25 00
E. Naramore, lumber and work on highway,	5 00
J. B. Bancroft, work as road agent,	51 19
G. H. Prime, work on the road,	4 55
Wm. M. Hubbard, work on sluiceway,	2 25
Charles Jackson, plank and work on the road,	7 64
Charles Jackson, plank,	53 10
N. P. Burbank, building new road near H. Gould's,	30 00
L. N. Taft, work on the street,	3 00
E. A. Kingman, work as road agent,	72 62
R. P. Wilson, work on sluice near W. M. Hubbard's,	5 25
A. A. Putnam, work as road agent,	6 25
Ziba Ware, work on road,	4 12
A. L. Jewell, bridge plank,	8 91
W. C. Goss, work on highway,	30 77
Silas Fuller, work and material on highway,	3 60
N. F. Healey, work and plank for road,	33 42
Leonard R. Smith, work as road agent,	17 54
N. P. Burbank, building new road and putting in sluice,	33 67
A. P. Tufts, for work as road agent,	125 83
A. P. Tufts, graveling road between the villages at Ashuelot,	65 87
C. D. Willis, work on road,	17 50
C. D. Willis, graveling road between the villages at Ashuelot,	37 50
E. Alexander, work as road agent,	6 37
J. H. Manning, work and material on road,	27 67
George H. Hutchins, work on the road to his house,	5 00
L. M. Kent, work on highway,	4 50
James H. Bolton, work as road agent,	42 75
Emerson A. Clark, breaking roads,	8 00
Emerson A. Clark, breaking roads,	12 50
John O. Smith, breaking roads at Rabbit Hollow,	4 00
John Burke, work on road,	4 50
Amos A. Putnam, breaking roads,	24 58
C. H. Cooper, work as road agent,	37 72
Theodore Holton, work on road,	50



Paid James P. Putnam, breaking roads,	\$7 71
Emerson A. Clark, breaking roads,	6 31
Elijah W. Baker, work on highway,	2 60
Mrs. H. W. Gould, boarding Charles Elgar while working on road,	2 15
Ansel Dickinson, work on Broad Brook road as road agent,	131 95
Ansel Dickinson, work and plank, as per bill,	29 68
Ansel Dickinson, plank and lumber for highway,	63 68
John L. Winch, work as road agent,	7 00
David Sawyer, shoveling snow,	2 03
J. H. Manning, breaking roads and snowing bridge,	12 50
Charles Davis, taking scraper from Bolton's to middle of town,	1 25
H. V. Prime, work on highway,	6 00
J. B. Bancroft, breaking roads,	5 70
P. D. Smith, breaking roads,	9 38
Abel Cooligan, gravel for Broad Brook road,	10 00
Paul S. Willis, work and plank,	11 60
Charles Jackson, work and plank,	13 48
Charles Jackson, breaking roads,	4 50
Moody Town, " "	5 00
Charles Elgar, shoveling snow,	4 00
N. F. Healy, breaking roads as per bill,	1 63
L. Rixford, breaking roads,	2 75
G. C. Snow, work on road as road agent,	25 87
B. C. Jackson, snowing Iron bridge,	50
Henry W. Rixford, repairing bridges and breaking roads,	4 78
E. A. Kingman, breaking roads as per bill,	4 00
G. W. Combs, breaking roads as per bill,	8 44
Jonathan O. Hill, breaking roads as per bill,	3 25
Warren H. Esty, breaking roads as per bill,	11 15
Martin M. Baker, work on road as road agent,	57 69
James Fosgate, breaking roads,	9 68
C. L. Eaton, work on highway,	14 00
J. H. Manning, snowing Middle bridge,	1 25
R. R. Wilson, work on highway,	5 50
Total,	\$2,428 30

## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Joel Fosgate, for support Mrs. Stephen Brown,	\$11 00
Insane Asylum, support Luther Lawrence,	56 20
Joel Fosgate, support Mrs. Stephen Brown,	5 00
Earl Evans, medical services for Mrs. Merrill,	21 25
“ “ “ “ Jones Plummer,	12 25
“ “ “ “ Ida Allen,	13 50
Insane Asylum, support Luther Lawrence,	53 93
Asa C. Lewis, support A. Hammond's children,	15 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for Wilbur Willis,	6 98
“ “ “ “ Sarah A. Aldrich for daughter,	6 93
Insane Asylum, support Luther Lawrence,	59 44
Asa C. Lewis, support A. Hammond's children,	10 00
A. H. Taft, medical services for Mrs. Brown,	53 92
“ “ “ “ Mrs. W. Willis,	37 70
W. Hammond, goods for A. Hammond's children,	4 67
“ “ “ “ Wilbur Willis,	9 66
H. Peirce & Co., medical services for Mrs. Merrill,	23 55
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Brown,	8 75
Asa C. Lewis, support A. Hammond's children,	18 00
J. A. Lesure, coffin for Mrs. Merrill,	8 00
E. Wilbur, shoes for Mrs. Wilbur Willis,	1 75
Mrs. Stetson, support Mrs. Stephen Brown,	50 00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. John Merrill,	100 00
Asa C. Lewis, support A. Hammond's children,	13 00
W. A. Alexander, goods for Nathan Hammond,	6 75
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Arthur Ham- mond's children,	15 00
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Mrs. Wilbur Willis,	7 00
A. D. Mack, support of Arthur Hammond's child- ren at Orphans' Home during their minority,	50 00
P. A. Ware, wood for Harriet Aldrich,	10 00
Asa C. Lewis, board and clothing for Arthur Hammond's children,	3 92
E. H. Brown, order to A. H. Harvey for goods for Nathan Hammond,	10 00
E. H. Brown, for goods for Harriet Aldrich,	5 36



Paid Insane asylum, for support of Luther Lawrence,	\$53 14
Myrick Burpee, for support of George Burpee,	3 00
J. A. Powers, medicine for town paupers,	4 70
H. Peirce & Co., medical services for Mrs. Merrill and Harriet Aldrich,	20 60
Willard Hammond, goods for Nathan Hammond,	3 07
H. Pierce, medical services       “       “	15 73
Frank H. Eames, work done for Wilbur Willis,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$810 25

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid John G. Dingman, boarding Geo. L. Brown,	\$16 50
John G. Dingman, boarding Alice Scott's child,	24 00
J. A. Lesure, coffins for County paupers,	14 50
Willard Hammond, for Samuel E. Harvey,	4 16
Willard Hammond, for J. M. Leonard,	3 83
Sarah C. Jacquith, support Mrs. Lewis,	4 75
“       “       “       “	4 00
Kelton & Scott, county paupers,	244 06
E. C. Richards, keeping tramps,	24 30
H. Peirce & Co., county paupers,	36 21
Charles W. Scott,       “	6 25
“       “       “	34 39
Moody Town, wood for Mrs. Lewis,	5 50
George W. Hammond, county pauper,	12 82
A. H. Taft, services for county paupers,	28 82
J. A. Powers, county paupers,	26 42
Samuel Howard, support Elizabeth Doolittle,	10 00
Isaac Saben,       “       Patrick Quigley,	5 00
Sarah C. Jacquith,       “       Mrs. Lewis,	8 00
Earl Evans, services for Polly Bryant,	15 00
Harvey Russel, support of Abby Russell,	5 00
John G. Dingman, support George L. Brown,	10 00
M. B. Shaw, wood and potatoes for Mrs. McCarthy,	4 00
Sarah C. Jacquith, support Mrs. Lewis,	6 50
“       “       “       “	1 05
Isaac Saben, cash paid Lydia Barrett,	5 00
John G. Dingman, support Scott child,	18 00
Sarah C. Jacquith,       “       Mrs. Lewis,	10 50

Paid George W. Hammond, a county pauper,	\$8 00
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	10 00
Earl Evans, medical services for Mrs. Lewis,	22 12
Ansel E. Bourn, support Mrs. Lewis,	12 00
Levi Saben, carrying Scott child to County farm,	3 00
George W. Hammond, county pauper,	5 00
John G. Dingman, support Scott child,	8 00
John G. Dingman, support George L. Brown,	8 75
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	10 00
Isaac Saben, support Lydia Barrett,	5 50
Ansel E. Bourn, support Mrs. Lewis,	12 00
George W. Hammond, county pauper,	4 00
Henry Lyman, carrying Elizabeth Doolittle to County farm,	4 00
Ansel E. Bourn, support Mrs. Lewis,	16 00
Isaac Saben, cash paid Lydia Barrett,	5 25
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	20 00
Ansel E. Bourn, support Mrs. Lewis,	17 71
Ansel E. Bourn, cash paid for medicine for Mrs. Lewis,	1 74
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	6 00
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	19 00
Isaac Saben, cash paid Lydia Barrett,	5 25
Isaac Saben, carrying Alice Scott to County farm,	3 00
Ellery Albee, rent for Mrs. Lewis,	2 50
John G. Dingman, support George L. Brown,	20 00
Emily Smith, county pauper,	28 00
E. C. Richards, moving Mrs. Lewis	4 00
J. A. Lesure, coffin for Mrs. Lyons' child,	4 00
George W. Hammond, county pauper,	9 60
W. Hammond, goods for S. E. Harvey,	1 00
" " " Scott child,	53
" " " O. L. Nash,	3 07
" " " George L. Brown,	1 90
" " " Ellen Lyons,	6 92
A. H. Taft, medical services for county paupers,	8 32
Kelton & Scott, goods for Norcross children,	5 52
" " " Roland F. Gould,	56 00
" " " Sarah Aldrich,	42 00



Paid Kelton & Scott, goods for Avery Bryant,	\$4 25
C. W. Scott, for Mrs. James Bates,	6 00
W. H. Plummer, boarding Polly Bryant,	42 00
Daniel D. Davis, support Arvilla Hill,	9 00
E. Alexander, tickets for Mary A. Buckeye,	5 85
Kelton & Scott, goods for O. L. Nash,	7 24
“ “ “ Scott child,	1 00
“ “ “ cash paid for meal for George Hammond,	1 40
Kelton & Scott, bill for Roswell O. Aldrich,	6 53
S. O. Hawkins, keeping tramps,	72 00
Earl Evans, medical services for Polly Bryant,	15 12
“ “ “ “ O. L. Nash,	16 25
“ “ Roswell O. Aldrich,	13 75
“ “ Lucius Bates,	25 34
“ “ Avery Bryant,	21 00
“ “ Mrs. Hattie Lewis,	16 32
Edmund Wilbur, shoes for Scott child,	50
Isaac Saben, for George W. Hammond,	6 00
E. C. Richards, County paupers, as per bill,	11 00
James O. Davis, County pauper,	4 91
J. A. Lesure, coffin for Mrs. Norcross,	8 00
W. Hammond, goods for John O. Smith,	1 66
W. Hammond, “ George L. Brown,	7 77
L. M. Kent, keeping tramps,	5 00
P. T. Shrigley, cap for George L. Brown,	50
Isaac Saben, cash for Lydia Barrett,	8 00
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	15 00
H. Peirce & Co., for county paupers,	1 83
John G. Dingman, keeping James O. Davis’ family,	17 00
John G. Dingman, support George L. Brown,	13 75
W. S. Phillips, goods furnished O. L. Nash and Mrs. McCarthy,	2 91
James Fosgate, goods furnished Avery Bryant,	2 30
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	10 00
E. Alexander, tickets for James O. Davis and wife to Chester, Vt.,	3 50
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	5 00

Paid E. Wilbur, shoes for Brown boy,	\$ 2 50
S. M. Morse, cash paid Lydia Barrett,	10 00
J. A. Lesure, coffin for St. Petre child,	8 00
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Mrs. James	
O. Davis,	4 50
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Ellen Lyon,	17 00
S. M. Morse, cash paid E. H. Sawtell,	2 00
P. A. Ware, potatoes for O. L. Nash,	75
P. D. Smith, wood for E. H. Sawtell,	4 50
Harvey Russell, support Abby Russell,	6 00
Edward H. Sawtell, aid from town,	4 00
B. F. Howe, goods for Samuel E. Harvey,	4 00
E. H. Brown, goods for J. M. Leonard,	1 75
E. H. Brown, for O. L. Nash,	4 48
George Bragg, assistance John O. Smith's family,	2 00
S. M. Morse, cash paid for R. R. tickets for John	
O. Smith's family,	4 50
W. Hammond, goods for Leonard & Davis,	6 89
J. A. Powers, medicine for Polly Bryant,	1 60
"        "        "        B. Kidder,	25
"        "        "        Hattie Lewis,	4 61
Martin M. Baker, goods for Avery Bryant,	3 75
H. G. Pickett, moving goods to depot,	2 00
Total,	\$1,471 00

## SCHOOLS.

Paid Russell W. Boyce, for District No. 1,	\$100 32
Martin Kelley, " 2,	403 32
H. Abbott, " 3,	856 84
Wm. M. Hubbard, " 4,	100 85
Martin D. Bryant, " 5,	90 95
Joseph C. Jewett, " 6,	145 02
A. P. Willard, " 7,	95 85
Nathan Field, " 8,	119 20
Henry W. Rixford, " 9,	107 60
Charles P. Lawrence, " 10,	107 50
Robert Swan, " 11,	80 82
Marvin D. Lewis, " 12,	66 38
E. H. Naramore, " 13,	72 83



Paid Daniel L. Pickett, for District No. 15,	\$82 73
Charles P. Britton, " 16,	132 45
Lyman O. Smith, " 17,	70 78
A. H. Woodbury, " 18,	223 81
Henry Lyman, " 19,	97 26
George W. Combs, " 20,	107 15
Martin M. Baker, " 21,	112 18
E. Harmon, for high school,	1,050 00
Total,	<u>\$4,224 94</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid H. Abbott, cash paid for painting engine,	\$25 00
J. W. Taylor, painting fire engine,	40 00
Geo. H. Prime, work on reservoir,	3 00
Frank B. Norwood, work on fire engine,	1 80
H. M. Pratt, " "	6 99
E. C. Hildreth, " "	1 00
" " watching fire on Alexander lot,	2 00
F. S. Pickett, " " " "	2 00
Alonzo Hill, " " " "	2 00
E. C. Richards, couplings for engine hose,	37 88
John Metcalf, paying Neptune Fire Engine Co.,	235 00
S. M. Morse, freight on hose,	1 89
E. C. Richards, fire department,	8 83
Hosea G. Pickett, wood for engine house,	6 25
H. M. Pratt, labor on fire engine,	8 75
C. Burnap, goods furnished fire department,	4 00
E. C. Richards, cash paid for repairing hose,	1 75
Russell & Vaughn, repairing hose,	1 76
J. A. Powers, goods for fire department,	95
Total,	<u>\$390 85</u>

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. M. Morse, services as Town Auditor, 1875,	\$2 00
" " " Moderator, 1876,	10 00
H. V. Prime, services as police officer for town meeting,	3 00
O. L. Howard, services as Sexton,	157 75
Isaac Saben, services as Selectman,	100 00

Paid Theodore Holton, services as Sexton,	\$12 50
Charles P. Lawrence, " " "	8 00
Elijah Harmon, services as Superintending and High School Committee,	95 75
R. R. Wilson, police duty,	6 00
Isaac Saben, services as Selectman,	25 25
" " " Overseer of the Poor,	41 00
A. A. Putnam, " Selectman,	110 75
" " " Overseer of the Poor,	2 50
S. M. Morse, " Selectman,	176 50
" " " Overseer of the Poor,	12 00
Isaac and Mowry Saben, collecting taxes,	175 00
H. Abbott, services as Treasurer,	25 00
Ames C. Eaton, services as Auditor,	2 00
Frank H. Eames, " Town Clerk,	44 98
Total,	<u>\$1,009 98</u>

## PAID BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid H. Abbott, for paying coupons,	\$ 9 00
" " town bonds,	950 00
" " coupons,	216 00
" " "	24 00
" " "	30 00
H. Abbott, for paying town bonds,	300 00
" " coupons,	139 50
" " coupons,	33 00
Total,	<u>\$1,701.50</u>

## CEMETERY.

Paid F. Weeks, Superintendent of Village Cemetery,	\$200 00
" " " "	100 00
" " " "	19 03
Total,	<u>\$319 03</u>

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid H. Abbott, for paying County tax,	\$1,378 85
" " State tax,	2,304 00
Total,	<u>\$3,682 85</u>

## TOWN HALL.

Paid L. M. Kent, sawing wood for town hall,	\$ 1 75
Reuben Combs, wood for town hall,	9 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for town hall,	1 35
W. Hammond, " " "	15 36
" " "	12 63
" " "	4 23
John Hutchins, goods for town hall,	1 80
L. M. Kent, taking care of town hall,	54 60
Total,	<hr/> \$100 72

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid S. M. Morse, cash paid for costs in Mathews case,	\$34 89
Henry H. Smith, graining at town hall,	5 85
L. G. Morse, work on guide-boards and town hall,	5 50
S. M. Morse, cash expenses on Mathews case,	10 70
Kelton & Scott, school books, furnished by order of School Committee,	3 75
W. Hammond, goods for town,	1 96
L. M. Kent, miscellaneous charges,	10 27
J. A. Lesure, mirrors and shellac,	1 42
S. M. Morse, cash paid expenses to Keene to get a deed recorded,	1 85
S. M. Morse, team on Doolittle case,	2 00
E. C. Richards, keeping D. A. Mack, and fixing town pump,	2 42
Russell & Vaughn repairing safe,	22 13
James B. Tabor, cash paid for team to attend funeral of Bragg child,	1 50
Elijah Harmon, school books furnished John O. Smith's children,	1 40
Henry H. Smith, graining town hall doors,	3 25
Total,	<hr/> \$108 89

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid H. Abbott, for Committee,	\$30 05
John A. Lesure, furniture for library,	7 42
F. Weeks, for Committee,	262 53
Total,	<hr/> \$300 00



## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Samuel Atherton, for error in tax,	\$6 70
Harvey Dudley,           "       "	2 68
Sylvanus Bartlett, for error in inventory of real estate,	3 35
Isaac Saben, abatement of tax on surplus bank stock,	145 00
Isaac Saben, mistake in appraisal, 1875,	20 10
Oliver Pentland, abatement of tax,	6 70
Mowry Saben, abatement of tax,	57 82
Total.	<u>\$242 35</u>

## DAMAGES RECEIVED ON HIGHWAY.

Paid Ansel J. Whittemore, damages on Broad Brook,	\$12 00
L. F. Buffum, for damages at Scotland bridge,	22 00
John Stebbins, damage to wagon spring,	1 00
Isaac Smith, damage to self and team on Broad Brook road,	8 50
O. L. Howard, damage to team,	2 50
Total,	<u>\$46 00</u>

## OLD BILLS CONTRACTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1876.

Paid F. Weeks & Co., goods furnished fire department,	\$13 86
Warner & Kingsley, improvement on scraper, '75,	60 00
Edward F. Stimpson, repairing bridge,	2 25
J. A. Powers, medicine for town paupers,	7 75
Ellery Albee, services, 1875,	23 00
Henry P. Read, snowing Combs bridge, 1875-6,	3 00
William R. Hunt, breaking roads and work on the highway, 1875,	6 72
Nathaniel S. Barrett, abatement of tax on dogs, 1875,	1 00
Earl Evans, medical services for Mrs. Merrill,	10 00
Frank B. Norwood, damage on highway near the house of Mrs. J. C. Smith, 1875,	100 00
John Stebbins, Parks Wright's heirs for damage on changing road near the house of John O. Smith, 1874,	18 00

Paid S. M. Morse, cash paid J. H. Mathews for damages on the highway, 1874.	\$150 00
S. R. Newcomb, removing stones from road near Hinsdale line, 1875,	1 50
S. O. Hawkins, keeping tramps and horse hire,	5 50
W. C. Goss, shoveling snow on Sewal Taft's road,	3 60
William Rixford, services as Auditor, 1875,	2 00
O. L. Howard, damages received on highway, 1875,	5 00
Willard Snow, gravel for highway, 1875,	1 00
E. W. Bent, repairing scraper, 1875,	1 50
E. Alexander, work on road, 1875,	4 00
C. H. Cooper, breaking road, 1875,	3 20
John Stebbins, damage to sheep by dogs, 1875,	5 00
A. C. Lewis, housing scraper, 1875,	1 50
D. H. Thompson, snowing Melvin bridge,	4 50
Wheeler & Faulkner, services, 1873-4-5,	151 85
John Hutchins, goods for town,	1 67
J. S. Herrick, illegal tax. 1875,	1 53
Total,	<hr/> \$588 93

#### TRAMP-HOUSE AND LOCK-UP.

Paid S. M. Morse, work and material for lock-up,	\$100 00
Colony & Dickinson, blankets for tramp-house,	4 40
L. M. Kent, making bed-ticks for tramp-house,	1 33
J. H. Manning, stone-work for lock-up,	12 00
S. M. Morse, work and material for lock-up,	100 73
L. & W. Rixford, straw for beds for tramp-house,	1 32
Henry H. Smith, painting tramp-house,	6 56
S. M. Morse cash paid for freight on brick,	1 40
W. Hammond, paint and furnishing for tramp- house,	20 89
L. M. Kent, work,	3 00
John Hutchins, stove and pipe, &c.,	15 83
S. M. Morse, trip to Keene to buy brick,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$270 46

## RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary Town Charges,	\$ 257 31
Highways and Bridges,	2,428 30
Town Paupers,	810 25
County Paupers,	1,471 00
Schools,	4,224 94
Fire Department,	390 85
Bonds and Coupons,	1,701 50
Town Officers,	1,009 98
Damage on Highways,	46 00
Village Cemetery,	319 03
State and County Tax,	3,682 85
Town Hall,	100 72
Miscellaneous,	108 89
Old Bills contracted previous to March 1, 1876,	588 93
Town Library,	300 00
Tramp-house and Lock-up,	270 46
Abatement of Taxes,	242 35
Total amount of Payments,	<hr/> \$17,953 36
Total amount Liabilities,	\$7,613 05
“ Assets,	<hr/> 3,137 48
Balance against the town, March 1, 1877,	\$4,475 57

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. M. MORSE,  
ISAAC SABEN,  
AMOS A. PUTNAM,

*Selectmen of Winchester.*



# CEMETERY.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS.

Cash of town,	\$319 03
Elbridge Jewell,	1 00
Russell Follett,	2 00
O. L. Howard,	50
Frank Hildreth,	50
Calvin Taylor,	2 00
E. S. Washburn,	5 00
	<hr/> \$330 03

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Pickett boys,	\$ 5 29
E. W. Everdon,	21 98
N. B. Norcross,	8 55
L. M. Kent,	32 20
“ “	5 21
Wm. Fosgate,	6 22
Hosea Gus Pickett,	5 40
P. H. Willis,	1 00
N. P. Burbank,	28 22
“ “	3 50
E. H. Holbrook,	19 20
E. P. Cook,	5 25
Alvin Kimpton,	19 10
“ “	9 60
“ “	1 00
Daniel T. Saben,	6 00
George Campfield,	14 63
Dan Donovan,	14 48

Paid E. Swan,	\$10 00
Asa E. Lewis,	15 93
W. Snow,	11 75
“	16 86
H. B. Robbins,	10 67
L. G. Morse,	2 00
Alonzo Hill,	1 80
W. Hammond,	7 26
F. Weeks,	44 30
J. A. Lesure,	75
F. B. Willis,	1 08
Knowlton & Stone,	80
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	\$330 03

Your Superintendent would respectfully advise an appropriation of a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, for the purpose of keeping the Cemetery up to its present condition.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WEEKS, *Superintendent.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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The Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester for the year ending March 1, 1877, submit the following report:—

### LIABILITIES.

Town bonds outstanding, March 1, 1877,	\$6,900 00
Interest on the same to March 1,	69 00
Due the Auditors,	6 00
Due the Schools, literary fund,	274 05
Due Schools, dog tax,	164 00
Outstanding bills, estimated,	200 00
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Amounting to	\$7,613 05

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1877,	\$2,944 33
Due from County, for support of paupers,	188 15
Due from County on Rowan and Doolittle case,	5 00
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Amounting to	\$3,137 48
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1876,	\$5,886 11
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1877,	4,475 57
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Making a reduction of Town debt	1,410 54

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELISHA HUTCHINS,  
RUSSELL FOLLETT,  
ASAHEL L. JEWELL,

*Auditors.*



# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Committee of the Town Library take pleasure in presenting to your consideration this their First Annual Report.

The Washington Library Association of Winchester was chartered in the year 1813, and from that until January, 1876, had a Circulating Library, which was accessible only to the members of said Association; and in order that all citizens of the town might have the benefit of said Library, voted at its last annual meeting to present their Library to the town on condition that the town appropriate a sum of money not less than three hundred dollars each year, to maintain the same in suitable condition for circulation, and to add books from time to time thereto.

The town, at its last annual town meeting, voted to accept of the said Library from the Washington Library Association on the conditions named by the Association, and appropriated the sum of three hundred dollars, which amount has been placed in the hands of your Committee, and disbursed as follows:

<b>1876.</b>		
• May 19.	Paid Sentinel Printing Co., cards and regulations,	\$17 00
June 8.	Paid G. H. Tilden & Co., record book,	9 75
“ 14.	“ P. F. Van Everen, library numbers,	7 00
“ 14.	“ Express,	30
Oct. 9.	“ E. W. Everdon, work,	4 38
“ 9.	“ J. A. Lesure, furniture,	7 42
Nov. 22.	“ W. Hammond, sundries,	4 45
“ 22.	“ John Hutchins, stove-pipe, &c.,	16 35

Nov. 23. " W. H. Gurnsey, blank books,	\$1 25
Dec. 19. " F. R. Peters, clock,	5 00
" 20. " A. M. Howard, 4 book-cases,	5 64
" 22. " E. Wilber, Jr., wood,	2 80
Paid S. M. Morse, services, &c.,	5 00
H. Abbott, services,	5 00
F. Weeks, services,	5 50
Mary A. Alexander, Librarian,	26 67
John A. Powers, rent to March 1, 1877,	26 66
W. H. Gurnsey, books,	65 00
Total amount of expenditures,	<hr/> \$215 17

Cash on hand March 1, 1877, in hands of Committee,	84 83
Fines collected, and in hands of Librarian,	11 06

Total funds on hand,	<hr/> \$95 89
Bills unpaid W. H. Spalter & Co., binding,	47 30

Funds available to buy books,	<hr/> \$48 59
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Your Committee were not able to open the Library to the public until July 7, since which time 357 persons have used the Library—Ladies, 194 ; Gentlemen, 163.

Number of volumes of books and pamphlets received

of the Washington Library Association,	1,284
Number of volumes purchased in the year,	53
Number of volumes donated,	11

Total,	<hr/> 1,348
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Whole number volumes issued in July,	202
" " " August,	409
" " " September,	578
" " " October,	409
" " " November,	396
" " " December,	466
" " " January,	510
" " " February,	441

Number volumes issued for eight months,	<hr/> 3,411
Average number volumes per month, 426	

Your Committee feel that the first eight months, as shown by the above figures, is creditable to the town, and should en-

first the personal interest of all of our citizens in its growth and use ; in no other way can our library become what it should be, a powerful agency for the promotion of public education.

To make a public library what it should be requires great care in the selection of books ; a few excellent books, added from time to time, is wiser than a large addition of the light, trashy literature of the day.

Your Committee, on entering upon their duties, found at the very outset that, with the limited funds at their disposal, but very few volumes of books could be added to the library, and put the books on hand in anything like a passable condition to be used, as there were some over one hundred volumes that could not be used until re-bound, which is now being done, and they will soon be ready to put on the shelves.

We would like to see a still more general use of the library by the citizens through the town, and would ask of all that use the library that they take special care in handling of the books ; unless this is done the expense of re-binding the books will cost so much that very little funds will be left to purchase books with out of the appropriation of three hundred dollars a year. Books belonging to a public library should be used with as much care as those gilt-edged books that lie on our centre tables ; with such care years may be added to the use of a library book. We would ask of the town a liberal support in the way of funds, believing that the town will receive in the end a hundred fold interest for the funds invested in its public library, in the intelligence it will give her sons and daughters, who make constant use of this library.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ABBOTT,  
F. WEEKS,  
S. M. MORSE,

*Committee.*



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Winchester would respectfully present the following report for the year ending March 13, 1877 :—

DISTRICT No. 1.—Russell W. Boyce, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Clara A. Billings, of Northfield, Mass. Fair progress seems to have been made in this, her first term. A little more energy, probably, would have secured better results. The material of this school is so variable in age, condition, &c., that hard work is necessary in order to make a good appearance.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Addie M. Bolton. Miss Bolton has had much experience in teaching, and she fully kept up the high standard of the school. A good degree of order was manifested, and most excellent progress made. The metric system was thoroughly taught, and the pupils seemed to know more about it than simply to repeat the tables—the too frequent limit of their knowledge.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Martin Kelley, Prudential Committee.

The lower school was under the charge of Miss Dora E. Swan during the year. The appearance of the school, in respect to order and apparent progress, seemed satisfactory. The upper school retained the teacher of the previous year, Miss Nellie L. Richardson. It is evident that the District took the right course in securing the same teacher for the second year. During all the visits of the Committee, the school appeared highly satisfactory, both in order and management.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Henry Abbott, Prudential Committee.

Primary School. The Spring Term was taught by Miss Florence J. Morse; the Fall and Winter Terms by Miss Clara E. Morse. Both teachers were eminently successful, both in gaining the love of their pupils, and in imparting instruction.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

The Summer and Fall Terms were taught by Miss Ida M. Swan, whose work, as usual, was most satisfactory. Miss Ella A. Felt taught the Winter term. Her work was well done considering the brevity of the term, the drawback incident to change of teachers, and the fact that she had not had experience in a school of that grade and quality.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Wm. M. Hubbard, Prudential Committee.

Both Terms were taught by Miss Alice C. Taggart, a teacher of great promise. Unusually good satisfaction was given to the people of the District.

DISTRICT No. 5.—M. D. Bryant, Prudential Committee.

Both Terms were taught by Miss Ellen E. Bolles, of Swanzezy, with good success.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Joseph Jewett, Prudential Committee.

Both Terms were taught by Miss Sarah E. Rixford. In this school everything was well done. Miss Rixford is one of our best teachers, and any District is fortunate that secures her services.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Proctor A. Willard, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Emily L. Boyce. She succeeded well in the management of the school, and good progress was made.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Emma E. Prouty. This was her first term in teaching. She was energetic and faithful in her work, and the closing examination showed a very commendable progress on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Nathan Field, Prudential Committee.

Both Terms were taught by Miss Carrie J. Hutchins. Good order prevailed in the school-room, and the closing examinations showed thorough instruction on the part of the teacher, and patient industry on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Henry Rixford, Prudential Committee.

The first term was taught by Miss Annie L. Read, of Westport. This was her first work in teaching, and was far from failure. The experience acquired will greatly aid her in her future work of teaching.

The second term was taught by Miss Belle C. Elmore, of Hinsdale. The quality of work done was good, and the school appeared as well as usual.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Charles P. Lawrence, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Eugenia C. Fosgate, a beginner in teaching. Her success was quite encouraging and satisfactory. To begin teaching in one's own district and succeed is not usually an easy task.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Gracie E. Brooks, of Westport. This was her first work in teaching also, and was quite commendable, promising well for the future. This district sends quite a number of its most advanced scholars to the High School, and hence the standard of scholarship among those who are left is somewhat reduced.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Robert Swan, Prudential Committee.

Both Terms were taught by Miss Lydia Swan, who did her work well as heretofore.

In paucity of scholars this is now the banner district of the town. The logic of events points to consolidation of districts.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Marvin D. Lewis, Prudential Committee.

Both Terms were under the charge of Miss Fannie A. Tuttle. The school was very small, yet the scholars were much interested and learned well. Miss Tuttle seemed to be the right teacher in the right place.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Edgar H. Naramore, Prudential Committee.

One Term, taught by Miss Jennie H. Holbrook, of Swanzev, with good success.

DISTRICT No. 15.—Dan L. Pickett, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Florence A. Corliss, of Swanzev. Miss Corliss is a thorough teacher, and good improvement was made.



DISTRICT No. 16.—Charles P. Britton, Prudential Committee.

This school, during the year, was under the care of Miss Jennie C. Archibald of Hinsdale, a teacher from the Plymouth, N. H., Normal School. In some directions this training left its effect upon her pupils. Some recitations did not seem to have quite the necessary thoroughness, especially in the higher classes. Quite good order prevailed, and on the whole, the results were satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 17.—Lyman O. Smith, Prudential Committee.

There was only a Winter Term in this district, and the small number of five pupils in attendance. Miss Mina A. Gaines, of Miller's Falls, Mass., taught the school. There was less absence than usual, which would seem to indicate that the teacher secured the good will of her pupils. The progress seemed satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 18.—Andrew Woodbury, Prudential Committee.

Miss Ella M. Smith taught the school during both terms with her usual ability. The quiet, orderly condition of the school was particularly noticeable and the progress commendable.

DISTRICT No. 19.—Henry Lyman, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lelia E. Abbott taught the Summer Term. Her qualifications were ample, and her management remarkably good in the school-room, but a lack of order impeded to some extent her success in her first term.

Winter Term taught by Miss Ella M. Smith, with most excellent results. The interest taken in the school by the inhabitants, as indicated by visits and in other ways, is very commendable.

DISTRICT No. 20.—George W. Combs, Prudential Committee.

The teacher the first term was Miss Alice C. Frink. Her work was satisfactory to the District and the Committee.

Miss Mary G. Healy, one of our most experienced teachers, taught the second term, and as might be expected, achieved success. An appeal to the desire of reward among the scholars raised high the spirit of healthy emulation in the school.

DISTRICT NO. 21.—Martin M. Baker, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term taught by Miss Mary B. Thompson; Winter Term by Miss Eugenia C. Fosgate. Both terms were successful.

The whole number of Common and High School scholars who have enjoyed more or less the school privileges of the town for the year now closed is 547, a falling off of 62 from the number reported last year. Of these 82 have not been absent.

In District No. 1, nine have not been tardy. In District 2, Lower Department, twenty-one; Upper Department, sixteen. In District No. 3, Primary, eighteen; Intermediate, thirteen. In District No. 4, two. In District No. 5, five. In District No. 6, nineteen. In District No. 7, six. In District No. 8, eight. In District No. 9, three. In District No. 10, fourteen. In District No. 11, five. In District No. 12, two. In District No. 13, one. In District No. 15, six. In District No. 16, seven. In District No. 17, three. In District No. 18, ten. In District No. 19, two. In District No. 20, sixteen. In District No. 21, ten.

The average attendance for the whole year is 399, a relative improvement upon the record of last year, and yet by no means what it ought to be. Much school money is wasted by the neglect of parents to send their children regularly to school. Parents ought not to encourage the dismissal of children.

In our last report we promised to give this year the names of those scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy for the whole year. This list we term the Roll of Honor, which is as follows:

District No. 1,—Flora J. Boyce, Alice A. Putnam, Eugene R. Boyce, Amos A. Putnam.

District No. 2,—0.

District No. 3,—*Primary*, Minnie E. Taggart, Stella F. Willis. *Intermediate*, Jennie Wardwell, Winnie J. Scott. *High School*, Ida Gurnsey, Lizzie Prouty, Mamie Taylor, Nelie Scott, Charles Ball, Willie Johnson, Frank Stockwell, John Heffron, Stillie Snow.

District No. 4,—Anna C. Hubbard, Eugene Rumrill.

District No. 5,—0.

District No. 6,—Emma A. Davis, Sarah L. Jackson, Nellie

E. Kingman, Anna L. Lewis, Vina L. Lewis, Olive D. Jackson, Eddie E. Jackson, Ernest J. Jackson, Julius C. Phelps, Frank H. Taylor.

District No. 7,—Bertie G. Willard, Percie H. Willard.

District No. 8,—Carrie M. Field, Eddie C. Clark.

District No. 9,—Carrie E. Plummer.

District No. 10,—Lizzie M. Read, Lelia K. Read, Frances J. Thompson, Bertie L. Fassett, Daniel M. Thompson.

District No. 11,—Gertie A. Buffum.

District No. 12,—0.

District No. 13,—0.

District No. 15,—Hosea E. Pickett.

District No. 16,—Rodney E. Fisher.

District No. 17,—0.

District No. 18,—0.

District No. 19,—0.

District No. 20,—Alma J. Swan, Charlie H. Combs, Arthur E. Howard, Earl A. Combs.

District No. 21,—Adella A. Baker.

It is possible that this roll is not absolutely correct. Mistakes may have been made by teachers or Committee. We will gladly rectify any mistakes that may have been proven in this Roll, in our next Report. The real Roll of Honor as established by a good conscience, is much larger than this. Not a few who failed, were not only not a whit to blame, but were worthy of all commendation for their zeal. But sickness and other causes beyond their control came in to defeat their resolute purpose. We hope that such will be assured that we think just as well of them as though they had succeeded, and we hope their failure will only stimulate them to try again, next time to succeed.

The average length of schools for the year has been 20 3-4 weeks, a very slight improvement from last year. It seems strange to the Committee that the people of the town are willing to take up with such limited school privileges, when a work of reasonable consolidation, would give them at least one-fourth more weeks of school for the same money,

Thirty-one different persons have taught in our schools during the past year. Of these, 7 were beginners,

Some of our teachers are most excellent in their calling. Others are somewhat lacking in one point or another. The temptation to teach without adequate preparation is very great, and should be resisted. A teacher ought to be ambitious to grow in knowledge, and breadth of culture, as well as in practical wisdom. A teacher ought to be able at any time to cut loose from the text book, without fear of discomfiture before the class.

We repeat what we said last year: Every teacher ought to own a Dictionary and make frequent use of it in the school-room. Bad pronunciation by the teacher is unpardonable. The Registers have been made out in a better manner than last year, and yet a large number of the teachers are very ignorant or careless in this regard. Some teachers seem to have forgotten, that a horizontal line drawn against a scholar's name denotes absence. A scholar cannot escape an absence mark unless he has been present *every day of the term*.

The ages of scholars should always be taken, and the names of boys and girls kept in separate lists, each list being alphabetically arranged, and numbered independently of the other. The Roll should be called at the very opening of school, and those not present to answer to their names should be marked tardy. A teacher has no power to remove tardy marks.

We want each of our teachers to teach the "Metric System."

In the class books which we now furnish each school, the following order of record should be observed: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, Physiology, Algebra, &c. Where there are several classes in the same branch, the higher should be placed first.

We have to report the same fact as last year—that we have no less than seven school houses unfit for school purposes, and it is time that something were done to mend matters in this direction.

There have been no changes for text books during the year, except a new spelling book in the High School.

In our account of schools we have referred to the work of teachers chiefly. But we would not leave the impression that a good teacher is the only factor of school success.



The best schools are to be found where the best grown up people live. Parents and citizens should visit the schools often, and thus give the encouragement of their presence and interest. A most unwise thing for any parent to do is to speak against a teacher in the hearing of children. It is very strange that any parents should stir up their children to disobedience and rebellion in the school room. No scholar will fare ill at the hands of any teacher if he uniformly behaves well. We ought in every possible way to put the seal of approbation upon good behavior, and the mark of condemnation upon truancy, idleness and disobedience. The success of the past leads us to hope for still better things in the future.

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District.	Weeks Summer Term.	Weeks Winter Term.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Reading and Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Pennmanship.	Other Branches.	Children bet. 5 and 15 not attending school.
1	8	9	0	2	7	6	13	12	10	4	0	0	0	13	0	1
2	44	0	0	2	37	35	72	33	23	6	0	0	0	18	1	0
3	65	26	1	5	88	95	160	117	82	61	15	10	24	67	35	2
4	19	0	0	1	5	10	15	14	9	4	0	0	0	8	0	3
5	9	10	0	1	7	9	16	7	3	0	0	0	0	7	6	0
6	10	12	0	1	14	10	24	17	9	4	6	0	0	14	0	0
7	7	11	0	2	10	5	15	8	6	3	0	0	0	7	0	0
8	9	10	0	1	9	10	19	8	8	1	0	0	0	10	0	0
9	8	12	0	2	8	8	16	13	12	5	0	0	0	12	1	0
10	8	13	0	2	11	9	20	11	8	3	3	0	0	10	0	4
11	16	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	3	0	0
12	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	1	4	5	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
13	0	13	0	1	3	2	5	4	3	3	0	0	2	3	0	0
15	8	8	0	1	7	8	15	10	7	4	0	0	0	5	0	1
16	18	10	0	1	11	15	26	18	11	5	1	0	0	16	0	0
17	0	12	0	1	4	1	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
18	11	12	0	1	25	31	56	29	10	2	3	0	0	27	0	7
19	10	11	0	2	10	6	16	11	10	4	1	0	1	9	2	1
20	8	12	0	2	9	5	14	14	12	5	3	2	2	10	0	0
21	11	13	0	2	10	9	19	10	8	3	0	0	0	9	0	0
283 $\frac{1}{2}$	194	1	32	269	278	534	347	240	122	35	12	29	255	39	19	

## HIGH SCHOOL.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last last year,	\$38 95
Tuitions,	57 92
Town appropriation,	1,050 00
Appropriation from District No. 3,	250 00
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	\$1,396 87

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. N. Mallory, salary for 33 weeks,	\$825 00
Miss Angie R. Crowley, salary for 33 weeks,	406 05
To District No. 3, wood, care of house, &c.,	92 41
Final payment on organ,	42 60
For ink, crayons, &c.,	3 62
Cash on hand,	27 19
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	\$1,396 87

The School during the past year has been under the charge of the teachers of the previous year, Mr. Julius N. Mallory and Miss Angie R. Crowley, who, by their faithful work, have achieved for it a well merited success.

There have been three terms of school. The Spring term of eleven weeks, commenced April 10 and closed June 23. The Fall term, of twelve weeks, commenced August 28 and closed November 24. The Winter term, of ten weeks, commenced December 18 and closed February 23.

The whole number of different scholars for the year, is 83 ; 46 girls, and 37 boys. Eleven of these, 6 girls and 5 boys, have come from out of town, by paying tuition.

The average attendance is 47 1-3.

The number of scholars attending to different branches is as follows :

Reading and Spelling, 59 ; Penmanship, 23 ; Arithmetic, 47 ; Descriptive Geography, 19 ; Physical Geography, 4 ; Grammar, 40 ; History, 15 ; Physiology, 10, Book-keeping, 18 ; Algebra, 13 ; Geometry, 3 ; Philosophy, 6 ; Botany, 1 ; Latin, 16.

The whole number of scholars, the Spring Term, was 51 ; average attendance, 45. Fall Term, 62 ; average attendance, 50. Winter Term, 59 ; average attendance, 47. Not absent at all : Spring Term, 23 ; Fall Term, 11 ; Winter Term, 12 ; Not tardy at all : Spring Term, 24 ; Fall Term, 33 ; Winter Term, 23. Stillie Snow, Mary Taylor and Ida Gurnsey attended school through the whole year, and were neither absent nor tardy. No. of visits by citizens during the year, 225.

The "metric system" has been introduced by the Principal, and enthusiastically taught and learned. The work of the High School in behalf of the common schools of the town, is very great. A generation of better qualified teachers is being raised up, and an ambition for the best things in education is being widely diffused among the children and youth of the town. The spirit of order and self-respect and industry which prevails in the school, with only the rarest exceptions, is worthy of all commendation.

The Rhetorical Exercises, from being irksome to the scholars, have come forward to the first place in the point of interest and profit. During a part of the year a course of weekly lectures of great value, on Anatomy and Physiology, was gratuitously given by Dr. G. W. Pierce.

We would recommend at least the usual appropriations for High and Common Schools for the year ensuing.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARTIN A. BROWN,	
ELIJAH HARMON,	

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